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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. In early April 1953, Lieutenant Colonel Ann was appointed Berlin Post commander. His office, which had been originally planned to be located on Oberwachmeister Buchberger Strasse in Berlin-Lichtenberg, was in the former County Court building on Neue Friedrich Strasse in Berlin C 2. 25X1

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3. Effective 1 May 1953, State Secretary Groetschel, the previous chief of the Main Department of Interior Administration, was superseded by State Secretary Hegen, former Minister of the Interior of Land Thuringia.

4. A classified order by Major General Heinrich Heitsch determined that VP-run supply installations be established in Schwerin, Stralsund, Leipzig and Dresden after 1 June 1953. At a meeting on 7 May 1953, the properties at 14 Thaelmann Strasse in Schwerin and at 61-62 Guenther-Schramm-Strasse in Stralsund were suggested as accommodations for these installations.

5. Officers identified from official records prior to 1 May 1953 included Colonel Welz, Leipzig I, III and IV billets commander; Lieutenant Colonel Dr Herricht, head of the Leipzig KVP hospital; Lieutenant Colonel Damschke, commander of Halle I; Major Strech, commander of Halle II; Lieutenant Colonel Scholz, commander of Weissenfels; Colonel Wolfgang Wallbaum, chief of Territorial Administrative Agency 6000 at Leipzig; Lieutenant Colonel Kiesewetter, chief of the registration administration for the district of Leipzig; Major Gutermuth, chief of the registration administration at Torgau; and Lieutenant Colonel Gall, chief of the registration administration at Naumburg.

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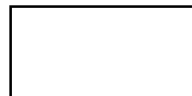
1. Comment. Previous reports by other sources mentioned the establishment of a KVP post headquarters in Berlin. In March 1953, this post headquarters was temporarily quartered in the building of the former vocational school of the Reichstahn in Berlin-Lichtenberg, but was scheduled to move soon. See

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2. [redacted] Comment. Major General Linke, [redacted] is known as a top officer in the Ministry of the Interior. [redacted] The mobilization section is reported for the first time. 25X1A
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3. [redacted] Comment. A previous report by the same source stated that Broetschel, [redacted] was appointed chief of the Main Department of Interior Administration in January 1953. [redacted] In the meantime, a State Secretariat for Interior Administration was established by a decree of the Government of East Germany. 25X1A
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4. [redacted] Comment. Major Strech, [redacted] probably is Captain Stech, who was technical instructor for signal communications and political officer at the infantry officer candidate school in Naumburg prior to about the fall of 1952. The Halle II office, which has code number 1807, is either a signal school or a political school. Further information is required. Major Gutermuth, [redacted] is the commander of the cadre unit, which moved from Torgau to Potsdam. No registration administration, but a registration department is stationed at Torgau. The other officers mentioned in the present report are known to hold the appointments indicated.

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